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SUBJECT: CYPRUS TRU DESIRE TO PURCHASE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE
EQUIPMENT

1. COMMANDER OF CYPRUS TACTICAL RESERVE UNIT (TRU) HAS
ASKED DATT (REF DATT MSG IR 62230020 74 - NOTAL) FOR INFORMATION
ON US SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF MONITORING PUBLIC
MEETINGS AND OUTDOOR CONVERSATIONS. HE DESCRIBES WHAT IS DESIRED
AS "LOUDSPEAKER IN REVERSE".

2. TRU IS PARAMILITARY FORCE WHICH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS
HAS USED PAST NINE MONTHS TO COMBAT EOKA-B GUERRILLA
OPPOSITION GROUPS LED BY LATE GENERAL GRIVAS. THOUGH
NOMINALLY COMPONENT OF CYPRUS POLICE, TRU IS DIRECTLY
RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE TO MAKARIOS.

3. MOST TROUBLESOME ASPECT TRU IS ITS POTENTIAL FOR USE
AGAINST TURK CYPRIOTS IN FUTURE INTERCOMMUNAL CONFLICTS.
(TRU WAS USED AS BACK-UP IN MINOR INCIDENT LAST JANUARY IN
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LIMASSOL.) TURKS HERE SHOW PERIODIC NERVOUSNESS RE ITS

POSSIBLE FUTURE MISSIONS. ANY OVERT IDENTIFICATION OF USG WITH PROCUREMENT SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT FOR TRU USE WOULD SEEM TO INVOLVE U.S. IN LOCAL POLITICS, COULD HARM OUR OVERALL INTERESTS HERE, IN ANKARA, AND POSSIBLY ALSO IN ATHENS (WHICH RESENTS FACT THAT TRU IS PRINCIPAL ARMED GREEK FORCE IN CYPRUS NOT RPT NOT UNDER ITS CONTROL). DATT HAS ALREADY ADVISED TRU COMMANDER TO ATTEMPT PURCHASE THROUGH NORMAL PROCUREMENT CHANNELS (CYPOL PROCUREMENT OFFICER PRESENTLY IN U.S.), HAS CAUTIONED THAT USG MAY BE UNABLE GRANT EXPORT LICENSE FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT, BUT SAID WE WOULD PROVIDE NAMES OF FIRMS AND RELEVANT LITERATURE, IF AVAILABLE.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES MOST WE SHOULD DO IS PROVIDE TRU COMMANDER WITH NAMES OF U.S. FIRMS MANUFACTURING THIS EQUIPMENT (AND LITERATURE), ASSUMING SUCH MERCHANDISE ELIGIBLE FOR EXPORT TO CYPRUS. REQUEST NAMES OF SUPPLIERS, IF APPROPRIATE. GRANT

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